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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: THREE ARRESTED NOV 3 FORMALLY
DETAINED UNDER ISA

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED JAN 7 THAT DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (DAKP) AND MALAYSIAN PEOPLE' SOCIALIST PARTY (PSRM) HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT THEIR OFFICIALS WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER INTERNAL SECURITY ACT (ISA) NOV 3 FOR ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN SERVED WITH FORMAL DETENTION ORDERS. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CHIAN HENG KAI (DAP MP OF BATU GAJAH), CHAN KOK KIT(DAKP ASST NATIONAL THRESURER) AND KASSIM AHMAD (CHAIRMAN OF THE PSRM). PSRM WAS TOLD KASSIM WOULD BE DETAINED FOR TWO YEARS.

2. COMMENT: STRONG RUMORS HAVE BEEN ABOUT IN RECENT WEEKS THAT THE TWO UMNO EX-DEPUTY MINISTERS, ABDULLAH MAJID AND DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD AND MCA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TAN KEN SIN (AKA TAN IEN SIEW) MIGHT BE RELEASED. UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE ISA THE GOVT MAY DETAIN A PERSON FOR UP TO 60 DAYS FOR INTERROGATION FOLLOWING WHICH THE
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ACCUSED MUST BE BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE AND A FORMAL DETENTION ORDER BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BY THE GOVT BEFORE HE CAN BE DETAINED FURTHER FOR A FURTHER PERIOD. (AFTER THIS GOVT CAN DETAIN PERSON UP TO TWO YEARS WITHOUT TRIAL.) THE 60 DAY PERIOD HAS NOT EXPIRED AND LACK OF WORD ON THE REMAINING THREE SUGGESTS THEY MAY BE RELEASED, ALBEIT CONDITIONALLY OR FOLLOWING PUBLIC

RECANTATION OF THEIR MISDEEDS IN SIMILAR FASHION AS
SINGAPORE RELEASED THE TWO MALAY JOURNALISTS ARRESTED
THERE LAST YEAR.
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